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Good morning -

On behalf of the Embassy of Saudi Arabia, I wanted to make you aware of an important development with respect to the humanitarian crisis in Yemen.

On June 2, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the United Nations convened a [High-Level Pledging Event for the Humanitarian Crisis in Yemen](#) in order to support the humanitarian response in Yemen and alleviate the suffering of the Yemeni people.

According to the United Nations, the virtual event brought together representatives of more than 125 Member States, and International Organizations, UN Agencies, NGOs and Civil Society to raise funding to meet the humanitarian needs of people affected by the conflict. 30 countries announced pledges for humanitarian action in Yemen, including 14 announcements to support the Yemen Humanitarian Fund. Altogether, donors pledged \$1.35 billion for the Yemeni people.

Notably, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia pledged \$500 million towards the humanitarian relief effort in Yemen. Of the \$500 million pledged by Saudi Arabia, \$300 million has been allocated to UN agencies and organizations, while \$200 million has been allocated for the King Salman Humanitarian Aid & Relief Centre ("KSRelief"). An additional \$30 million has been allocated for the third phase of KSRelief's [MASAM Landmine Clearance Project in Yemen](#).

Since the beginning of the conflict in September 2014, KSA has provided more than \$16 billion in humanitarian assistance to Yemen. This makes Saudi Arabia the single-largest donor to the country since the legitimate Government of Yemen requested its intervention in order to prevent the Iranian-backed Houthis from displacing the Yemeni Government. Regrettably, the Houthis have consistently obstructed the delivery of vital humanitarian assistance while attacking Saudi Arabia with ballistic missiles and explosive UAV's provided by Iran.

In April 2020, responding to the call by the UN Secretary General's Special Envoy for Yemen and out of recognition of the dangers posed by COVID-19 to the Yemeni people, the Saudi-led Coalition declared a unilateral ceasefire in Yemen. Saudi Arabia hopes to achieve a comprehensive and permanent ceasefire agreement and supports the UN-led efforts to reach a sustainable political solution in Yemen that meets the needs of all stakeholders.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Your feedback is most welcome.

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